

**REMARKS**

Claims 6 and 10-11 are cancelled herein. Claims 1, 7, 12, 14, 17, 18, 21-23, 26, 28, 31, 33, 34, and 37 have been amended. Claims 1-3, 5, 7, 9, 12-26 and 28-40 are pending and under consideration.

The §§102 and 103 rejections are now discussed. Using independent claim 1 as an example, this claim recites a connective slope connecting the reflective slope to the first surface, an angle of the reflective slope with respect to the incident light being greater than an angle of the connective slope with respect to the incident light. Present FIG. 9 illustrates this feature, as an example.

In contrast, Mori '663 illustrates the spiral groove 2 has sides at a same angle with respect to the incident light: Mori, Fig. 4. The remaining references do not overcome this deficiency. In particular, Redmond teaches that the facets 23 that reflect light have a relatively small slope with respect to incident light as compared to the facets 24. Redmond, Fig. 2.

Accordingly, withdrawal of the rejections is requested.

There being no further outstanding objections or rejections, it is submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. An early action to that effect is courteously solicited.

Finally, if there are any formal matters remaining after this response, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned to attend to these matters.

If there are any additional fees associated with filing of this Amendment, please charge the same to our Deposit Account No. 19-3935.

Respectfully submitted,

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